The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was  $\underline{not}$  written for publication in a law journal and is not binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte GUOQIANG XING, KENNETH D. BRENNAN and PING JIANG

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Application No. 09/901,416

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 19, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed Information Disclosure Statement dated

August 1, 2003. It is not clear from the record that the

Information Disclosure Statement has been considered or

acknowledged under §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The Information Disclosure

Statement needs to be considered.

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Accordingly, it is

Ordered that the application is returned to the Examiner for

- 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 1, 2003;
- 2) written notification to the appellant regarding the result of the examiner's consideration, and
  - 3) for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and
Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the
appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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